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SUBJECT: COORDINATION WITH THE IDF - A MUST

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1. DURING MY 6 APRIL MEETING WITH WEIZMAN I RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE TWELVE GENDARMES WHO HAD BEEN STOPPED BY THE ISRAELIS AT ABBASSIYAH ON APRIL 5 (REFTELS). WEIZMAN HAD HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER GET THE REPORT FROM THE IDF CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT AND WE DISCUSSED IT AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS AT LENGTH.

2. THE IDF HAD A COMPLETE RECORD OF THIS EVENT AND, AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS EITAN HAD TOLD DCM VIETS EARLIER IN THE DAY (REF B), THEIR ACCOUNT GENERALLY CORRESPONDED WITH THAT OF THE LEBANESE (REF A). THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE WAS THAT THE ISRAELI REPORT DID NOT INDICATE UNIFIL TROOPS WERE ACCOMPANYING THE GENDARMES. THEIR RECORDS SHOW THAT TWELVE GENDARMES IN A TRUCK ARRIVED, ACCOMPANIED

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BY A LEBANESE POLICE COLONEL IN A LAND ROVER. THE IDF CHECKPOINT REFUSED TO ALLOW THEM TO PASS. THE REASON WAS THAT NO PRIOR COORDINATION WITH THE IDF CONCERNING THE MOVE OF THE GENDARMES HAD TAKEN PLACE.

3. WEIZMAN TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS IN A TYPICALLY COLORFUL FASHION THAT ALTHOUGH HE WANTS LEBANESE AUTHORITY

IN PLACE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON JUST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,
EACH MOVE OF THE LEBANESE GENDARMES OR LEBANESE ARMY AS
WELL AS THE UNIFIL FORCES MUST REPEAT MUST BE THOROUGHLY
COORDINATED WITH THE IDF.

4. WE NOTE THAT ON 6 APRIL MAJ. HADDAD HAD A CONFRONTATION
WITH NORWEGIAN TROOPS IN TAYYIBAH. THE IDF RECORD SHOWS
THAT THE MOVE OF THE NORWEGIANS IN THAT VICINITY HAD NOT
BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE IDF--THUS THE CONFRONTATION WITH
HADDAD.

5. COMMENT: WEIZMAN AND THE IDF PLACE VERY GREAT
IMPORTANCE ON PRIOR COORDINATION BY UNIFIL SO LONG AS
THE IDF REMAINS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. THUS, IF LEBANESE
TROOPS AND GENDARMES AND UNIFIL FORCES ARE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY
INTRODUCED THEY MUST TALK TO THE IDF. THIS REQUIREMENT
MAY APPEAR TO BE DEMEANING AND UNCOMFORTABLE FOR SIIASVUO
AND FOR THE LEBANESE THEMSELVES, BUT I FEAR IT IS AN
ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. IT WAS ALSO OBVIOUS DURING THIS
MEETING THAT WEIZMAN IS VERY FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK
OF DIRECT SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH THE LEBANESE. HE
WOULD MUCH PREFER TALKING DIRECTLY TO THE LEBANESE
ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE
AREA AS OPPOSED TO GOING THROUGH UNIFIL OR SIIASVUO.
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